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Albuquerque Woman on Probation for Tax Fraud Indicted on New Charges of Filing False Income Tax Returns

SANTA FE – State Taxation & Revenue Secretary Rick Homans announced today the indictment of an Albuquerque woman, who is currently on probation for tax fraud, on several counts of tax fraud, computer access with intent to defraud and embezzle, forgery and identity theft for allegedly filing false income tax returns.

A grand jury with the First Judicial District in Santa Fe last week returned the indictment against Gayle McIntyre on 23 counts of tax fraud, computer access with intent to defraud or embezzle, identity theft and forgery. In 2005, McIntyre pleaded guilty to 36 counts of tax fraud for filing false income tax returns, and was sentenced to five years probation and ordered to pay nearly \$127,000 in restitution to the State.

"This individual has exhibited a blatant and habitual disregard for the law and we will prosecute her to the full extent of the law," said Secretary Homans

The latest indictment accuses McIntyre, 54, of filing seven false income tax returns resulting in tax refunds totaling \$7,393 between June and August of 2009, and depositing in her account one tax refund check in the amount of \$1,765. If convicted of the new charges against her, McIntyre could face 33 years in prison and potentially up to 54 years suspended sentence from her 2005 conviction.

The indictment is the result of investigation conducted by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division.

To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, individuals can call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.